

BONALBO CENTRAL SCHOOL

'Lifelong Learning for a Positive Future'



School News

Term 1 Week 3, 2012



Australia Day Award Recipients



Primary Swimming Carnival



Silver Reward Day, Evans Head 2011



Dates to Remember:

- February 10, 2012– Primary District Swimming Carnival, Woodenbong.
- February 15, 2012– Primary Merit Assembly
- February 15, 2012– Primary Parent/Carer Information Afternoon, 3.30-4.30pm.
- February 15, 2012– P&C MEETING & AGM, 4.30PM in Primary 4/5/6 classroom.
- February 16, 2012– Touch Football, Woodenbong
- February 23, 2012– Sec. Zone Swimming Carnival, McLean.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to 2012

Welcome back to all students and particularly new students who have transferred from other locations or are starting school for the first time. I am delighted with the positive start we have had to the year. Almost all students in Primary and Secondary looked ready for school, dressed in their school uniform, on the first day and with parents and carers support we hope this trend continues. Already our new students seem to be settled in and focusing on their learning.

Pupil Free day

Staff met on Friday January 27 and spent a large part of the day reviewing our policies and processes associated with student learning and behaviour. Many of these ideas have been discussed with the students & have been welcomed. The staff are committed to ensuring that all students perform to the best of their ability and be given the best opportunity to learn. It is equally important that parents and carers support their child by having them ready for school each day, equipped for lessons, dressed in school uniform and with a "Ready to Learn attitude".

New Staff Member

I would like to welcome Mr Jason Anderson who has been employed permanently as Science/Mathematics teacher. Mr Anderson has spent many years teaching in the Newcastle area and we hope he enjoys his time teaching at Bonalbo. In terms of the rest of the staff we have the same teachers working at this school as we had in 2011.

New Netball-Basketball court

On Friday March 9 the opening of the new Netball-Basketball court will take place. This court was built with funding provided by a State Government Community and School Partnership grant. The Lions Club has been joint partners in this project and I thank them for their support. The court will be officially opened by well known sporting identity Liz Ellis who is a past Australian Netball player and Captain. The program for the day is being finalised and will be advertised in the next newsletter, however the opening and coaching clinics will take place between 10.00am and 2.00 pm. Parents, carers and community members are welcome and will be given the opportunity to participate in a coaching clinic along with interested students.

Australia Day Awards

Congratulations to Sharon Tucker for being awarded the West of the Range Australia Day Citizen of the Year award. Sharon has had a long history of working for the school and the community in many capacities, the most recent being, coordinating our Centenary Celebrations in 2011. Congratulations also to Chloe White who received the West Of the Range Sports Person of the Year award. Chloe is in Year 8 but has already performed at district, zone and state level in sports including canoeing and athletics. Well done also to the Primary students who were runners up in the Australia Day poster competition and special mention of our Primary School Captain Jack Horne, who did an excellent job reading the nominations for the Australia Day awards.

Fast Maths

This year a new program has been introduced where all students from Years K to 10 will be given the opportunity to develop their Maths skills beyond what is being taught in their normal Maths lessons. Each day students are given one minute to complete a Maths sheet with questions based around addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Students will start at a level appropriate to their ability and progress to more difficult levels. This will continue for most of the year and we are expecting all students to improve their skills significantly.

PSP Survey

Please have a look at the attached flyer relating to Priority School funding. The survey will be undertaken shortly and it is critical we have all parents and carers complete it, The results of the survey will determine if our school receives funding for the next four years.

Keith Larsson
Principal

Primary News

Welcome back to all of our students, staff and parents. We look forward to having a wonderful term! A special welcome to our new students and Kindergarteners, who started last Tuesday. It is great to see them settling in so quickly.

Swimming Carnival

Last Thursday we held our Primary Swimming Carnival. The weather held, thankfully and we had a great day. Thanks to Kassandra Whitney for all of her help on the day, and to all staff and parents who assisted with marshalling, time-keeping and recording. Most students competed, and we saw some improved times, especially in the seniors. Jabiru won the day, with Kingfisher not too far behind.

The District Swimming carnival will be held in Woodenbong this **Friday 10th of February**.

The P&C held a canteen and kept everyone well-fed and hydrated. Thank-you Hellan, Michelle and Nicki for your help.

Parent Information Afternoon

On **Wednesday the 15th of February**, we will be holding our class Info sessions for parents and carers after our first Merit Assembly for Term One. From 3:30 – 4:30, parents are invited to each room to discuss routines and learning programmes, and ask/clarify any questions or concerns they have.

The P&C will also be holding their AGM at 4:30pm, and this is a great opportunity for parents to get involved in our valued supportive group.

Primary Staff

School Musical.

Casting is under way for our big school musical, **Bismo Roach**, which will be presented at the end of Term Two.

There are many, many parts available for actors, dancers, singers and musicians, so see Mr Tucker and let him know you're interested. Ms. Ellis, Mr Flannery, Ms. Powderly and Mr Larsson have already been signed up.

Parts of the show will be pre recorded, so some students may be able to use their film making skills. Ms Goldstein will be in charge of design for the show. We will be inviting parents to sing in the choir.

We also hope to produce an online Bismo page so students can keep up with the latest Bismo news.

We will be holding our first rehearsal this Sunday 12th February at 2-4pm in the MPC.

Dave Tucker

Roachmeister

Band

Secondary students who would like to play an instrument are invited to come to the Music room at lunchtime on Tuesdays. We have a sax, clarinets, flutes, bass and guitars available. Students who can already play well can practise with The Giant Rat of Sumatra after school on Thursdays. Our first gig will be Senior Citizens' Day.

Secondary English

All Year 7 students have been given an **English Pre Test** to see how they're going in English and give teachers an idea of what areas need attention. They will also be given some practice NAPLAN literacy tests later this term so that they are confident when NAPLAN comes around.

Please remind your child that spelling **does** count and the best strategy is to check the spelling before writing a word.

Another great way to build spelling skill is to start with a word and create as many related words as you can.

For example, start with **blood**. Bloody, bloodthirsty, bleeding, blooded, bloodhound, bled, bleeder, bloodstained.

Exercise: How many related words can you make for foot?

This year all teachers will be having a special focus on marking students' spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Dave Tucker

Agriculture News

Year 7

Year 7 have prepared their vegetable gardens with fresh soil and manure and will be planting their vegies soon. For most students it is their first experience with Agriculture and they are enthusiastic. They are responsible for the chickens, vegetable gardens and feeding the sheep.

Year 9/10

Year 9/10 will be preparing steers for Bonalbo Show and Beef Week again this year. For theory work they are studying a topic called Ag in Australia. They have drenched the sheep to keep the worms out of them during the wet weather.

Year 11 Primary Industries

This is the first Primary Industries class for some time at Bonalbo. It is a practical skill based Certificate II in Agriculture. They will be learning a wide variety of skills on the school farm including tractors, cattle handling, fencing, OHS etc.

Sheep for Sale - We have 2 wethers and 2 ewes for sale at school. \$50 each or \$100 the lot. Contact the school or myself if you are interested.

Stephen Gray

CWA Land Cookery Completion

Congratulations to the following Food Technology, Hospitality students and community participants for their success in the CWA Land Cookery Competition held on the 9th December 2011.

- Butterscotch Cake-1st-Gary Stubbings, 2nd-Mitchell Jung & 3rd-Sally Montgomery
- Citrus Sour Cream Cake-1st-Lyn Amos
- Iced & Decorated Cakes-Class A-1st-Tania Laurie
- Boiled Fruit Pudding-1st-Elaine Ballard
- Lemon Honey, Tomato Sauce & Dried Apricot Chutney-1st-Elaine Ballard
- Gluten Free Lemon Teacake-1st-Mrs Taikakara
- Meringues-1st-Rachel Williams, 2nd-Hamish Bernhagen & 3rd-Shania Hickling

We wish the first and second place competitors the best as they go on to compete at Bangalow on the 23rd of February.

8 D&T (Food Technology) this term are participating in a unit called **Snack Attack**. We are looking at healthy food choices. Students will cook alternate Thursdays beginning next week. Students are asked to bring in an apron, two tea towels and a dishcloth as soon as possible in a bag ready for practical lessons to begin. Students are encouraged to practise their recipes demonstrated at school at home.

9 /10 Food Technology this term is participating in units called **Food Preparation and Processing and Eat Well, Live Well**. . We are looking at food preparation and preservation and healthy food choices. FT.1 will cook each Thursday and FT.2 will cook each Tuesday. Students are asked to bring in an apron, two tea towels and a dishcloth for all practical lessons. Students are encouraged to practise their recipes cooked at school at home.

The new **Hospitality room** with **Commercial Cookery** facilities has been completed and Hospitality and Commercial Cookery students have begun to use these fantastic facilities. Anyone in the community is welcome to join these classes by contacting the office staff.

11/12 Hospitality (Food and Beverage) This term Year 11 are completing **Organise and Prepare Food** competency cooking every Friday. Students need their hospitality uniform, black leather shoes, three tea towels and a dishcloth for all practical lessons. Year 12 are completing **Implement Food Safety Procedures** competency. We are currently fundraising for students to attend the Sea World Nara Resort Hotel School for two days later in the year.

11/12 Commercial Cookery This semester students will meet and cook alternate Wednesdays beginning this week to complete **Methods of Cookery**. Students need their hospitality uniform, black leather shoes, three tea towels and a dishcloth for all practical lessons.

9/10 Textiles Technology-Students are currently choosing their sewing project for this semester. As soon as possible patterns and fabric need to be purchased so students may begin their practical work.

S.Taikakara

Sport

We have a big year of sport coming up. It all starts with our Swimming Carnival which was held on Wednesday. Stay tuned for results.

School sport started this week as well. Students are participating in Canoeing, Swimming, Volleyball and MPC games. A reminder to students to wear correct footwear for sport and that school uniform is compulsory.


Students are reminded to leave personal equipment at home. Items such as footballs, soccer balls are not to be taken to school. We have a large amount of equipment which we are more than happy for the students to borrow to play at recess and lunch.

We have our first competition coming up on the 16th February. Our under 15's boys and girls touch footy teams will be travelling to Woodenbong for a gala day and trials for the zone team. Good luck to all involved.

I am looking forward to seeing all students participate in sport this year and would encourage parents to be involved as well.

*Yours in Sport
Shaun Flannery*

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